additional quantity of newsprint are 16.10.91 and 30.12.91 respectively.

(c) STC informed the supplier on 13.1.92 not to go ahead with the production of newsprint, till such time as they hear from STC.

(d) The purchase agreement provides for cancellation of orders already placed in the event of default, delay in shipment and force majeure.

Setting up of Cotton Mills

6055. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton mills are meeting the requirements of handloom and powerloom industries in the country;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up new cotton mills in the country particularly in Aligarh during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of the (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise in view of the (c) above.

Silk Weavers of Assam

6056. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any survey about the problems of Endi and Muga (special type of silk available only in Assam) weavers in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Governemnt thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There are serveral Plan and Non-plan schemes under implementation for the benefit of handloom wavers of the country including muga & eri weavers of Assam. However, no specific survey has been conducted for these weavers sepatetaly.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Export of Assam Tea

6057. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of Assam tea exported out of the total export of tea during 1991-92;

(b) whether the export of Assam tea has declined; and

(c) if so, steps taken or proposed to be taken to boost the export of Assam tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). The total quantity of tea exported from the country in the year 1991-92 (April to January) is 186.37 m.lg worth Rs.1014.30 crores as against 181.79 m.kg worth Rs.984.96 crores ins the corresponding period of the previous year 1991 is estimated to be 741.72 m. kg. out of which 387.87 m. kg. is the share of Assam.